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Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan Historical Center

Lansing, Michigan

April 11, 2011

Call to Order

President Larry Griffin called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:07 A.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Morris Thomas, Tom Truscott, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Board Members Absent: Andy Andersen, Rose Moye, and Jennifer Sochor.

Board Members Excused: Andy Andersen, Rose Moye, and Jennifer Sochor.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum): Sandra Clark.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March Board meeting; motion passed.

President's Report

The President's report will be addressed in the various Committee reports.

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer reminded the Board that the due to the fact that the Friends' checking account had fallen below \$3,000, the Friends were going to be charged with several additional fees just to do business with the old bank. Consequently, per the Board's motion at the last meeting, the checking account was moved to the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

Financial Report March 1 – 31, 2011

Balance	3-1-11	\$2,858.02
Transfer to MSU FCU	2,755.96	
Deposit	<u>5.00</u>	
	2,760.96	\$ 2,760.96



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Treasurer Report continued

Remainder Bank of America Account	102.06	
Service Charge	<u>-17.00</u>	
	85.06	+ <u>85.06</u>
Balance		\$ 2,845.02
Payable: Larry Griffin		- <u>102.06</u>
Available Funds	3-31-11	\$2,743.96
Benevolent Fund	50.00	

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March Financial Report; motion passed.

It was reported that the Treasurer needed to renew his bonding.

A motion was made and seconded to expend \$100 to have the Treasurer bonded; motion approved.

Museum Report

Sandra Clark reported that a written procedure would be developed to handle new and renewing membership. As one part of these procedures, renewal and new membership applications will be given to Dr Johnson, who will in turn give them to the Historical Society of Michigan. She indicated that she anticipated that membership renewals will be out next week.

Sandra discussed last minute items regarding the April 12th opening of the new Civil War museum exhibit and also the grand opening of the April 16th program. She indicated that she had bought advertisement in both the newspapers and radio. She also indicated that Mark Harvey now has the unique capability to get large-sized printing jobs done. She mentioned that the result of this can be seen in the Civil War Museum exhibit.

Sandra talked briefly about the Michigan Historical Center's new admission program. They are going ahead with the \$6.00 per adult charge Monday through Saturday. Sunday will be free to Michigan residents.

She reiterated that the Department of Natural Resources is providing a lot of support to the Michigan Historical Center. She also acknowledged that the Department's mission statement has been amended to include Cultural Resources.

Committee Reports

A. *2011 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* No report.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* Keith Harrison indicated that the Friends are slated to have a table at the April 16, 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial indoor program at the Michigan Historical Center. Geneva Wiskemann, Dick Johnson, Larry Griffin, and Ralph Sims will staff the Friends information and display table on the 16th.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Tom Truscott- Chair).* No report.

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D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. No report.

E. *Grants Committee (Rose Moye - Chair)*. No report. .

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr - Chair)*. The Newsletter was sent out; however, several of the Board members did not receive a copy. Sandra Clark will look into this.

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair)*. Pal Tarr indicated that the Duop band had not gotten back to him. He will check into this. President Griffin suggested that the Friends might wish to have a fundraiser by having a private showing of the upcoming movie, *The Conspirators*. He stated that he will check to see when the movie will be released. Paul Tarr briefly discussed the Civil War coin idea. He indicated that more information was needed on this.

H. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. Since the Newsletter did go out with the notice to the membership announcing the availability of the proposed Bylaws amendments on the website, voting on the Bylaws amendments would take place at the May meeting.

I. *Sesquicentennial/Civil War (Tom Truscott - Chair)*. It was indicated that the June 3rd Civil War Sesquicentennial concert would be proceeding but with the Dodworth Saxhorn Band instead of the Lansing Symphony. It was indicated that the band would cost \$2,500. Dr. Richard Johnson indicated that he would donate the money for the band. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Dr. Johnson. Keith Harrison indicated that he would re do the Concert flier to reflect the change in the musical performance and make them available to the rest of the Board (Attached).

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison, *Secretary Pro Temp*
Resident Agent
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2010, in Lansing.



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PROPOSAL FOR A SERIES OF CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL FUNDRAISERS

Starting April 12, 2011 this nation will celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, April 12, 1861-April 9, 1865. This celebration will go on for almost four years. The Civil War is the most tumultuous period in the history of this great nation. These four years changed this nation forever and in many respects, we are still suffering through many of the results of the war.

As is the case with all wars, there are many tragedies and horrors that we would like to forget. However, one important and everlasting result of the Civil War is the voluminous amount of music that was sung, composed, and dedicated to the women, children, and men who fought in this epic conflict.

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. will be collaborating with musical organizations to present a series of performances that will chronicle the music of both sides of the war (North and South, Union and Confederacy) during the next four years. We feel such a series of performances will be a tremendous educational way to highlight this Sesquicentennial Celebration and to pay homage to those who President Lincoln said "gave their last full measure of devotion" to this country.

In order to put on these musical performances we need to raise funds. This is where you come in; we need to solicit your financial assistance in this effort. The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. for more than twenty years have been sponsoring Michigan-related historical programs for audiences of all ages. Funds raised by our organization are used to promote history at the Michigan Historical Center and its affiliated sites and other historical organizations around the state.

We know the role that history plays in uniting people. A shared history is one of the common denominators that define a cultural or ethnic group. A common history is what makes us Americans. We have to remind some people and let our young people know that a shared history is part of the glue that has held and continues to hold this great nation together. Help us keep history alive!

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. is a 501[c] 3 charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible. **Donations may be made payable and sent to the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. at P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, Michigan 48901.**

Thank you for this opportunity to present you with this proposal.

4/11/2011

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CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL CONCERTS 2011 - 2015

The first of the FREE Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Civil War Sesquicentennial Concerts (*Call to Arms- 1861*) will be held on **Friday, June 3, 2011, 7 PM to 8:30 PM** on the Michigan Capitol Lawn in Lansing, Michigan. The Concert will highlight the **Dodworth Saxhorn Band**. This will be the first in a series of 5 concerts, one per year of the Sesquicentennial with each one tied to Civil War events that took place 150 years earlier. Should the weather not cooperate on the 3rd, the Concert will take place instead on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 2 PM to 3:30 PM.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band is a recreation of one of America's first all-brass bands. The original Dodworth Band dominated the New York music scene from 1836 to 1891, performing in concerts, at balls, at social events, at political rallies, and in many US presidential inaugurations. Today's Dodworth Saxhorn Band, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, uses antique brass valved horns and drums built between 1840 and 1880. In 1838, Allen Dodworth, the leader of the Dodworth Band, invented the first valved horn with a bell pointing backwards, for military use. When a band marched at the head of a column of soldiers, the "back'ard" bells made it easier for the music to be heard.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band creates fun and excitement through 19th century authenticity. The ensemble of up to 17 members dresses the part, performs music from that period on original instruments, and uses drama, poetry, dance, and audience participation to help bring America's musical past to life.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band performs in schools, universities, theaters, orchestra halls, and opera houses throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States and Canada. The Band also plays regularly at Greenfield Village of The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. Performances include parades, Victorian Civil War balls, historical re-enactments, living history events, and vintage baseball games.

2011 - 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial Schedule

- 2011 - Call to Arms (1861)
- 2012 - Freedom's March (1862)
"Emancipation"
- 2013 - Gettysburg (1863)
"The Turning Point"
- 2014 - Total War (1864)
"The March to the Sea"
- 2015 - This Cruel War is Over (1865)
"The Grand Review"